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The '50s were a roller-coaster ride

By Curt McKeever

Halloween, 1959.

Nebraska, frequently disguised in more gut-wrenching looks than Freddy Kruger, has a trick-or-treat affair never to be forgotten.

Coach Bill Jennings' Cornhuskers, not surprisingly in the midst of another losing streak, steal the goods from Oklahoma with an unimaginable 25-21 Homecoming of homecomings. The result in Memorial Stadium ended a string of 74 games, spanning 13 seasons, in which the Sooners hadn't lost to a conference opponent.

So stunned were the locals that soon after the cement-bedded goal posts gave way for the first time to a surge of thousands of students and fans, who paraded them to the governor's mansion, University Chancellor Clifford Hardin declared classes at Nebraska for the following Monday canceled.

"Yes, it really did happen," wrote The Lincoln Star's Don Bryant, now NU's sports information director. "It was like V-J Day all over again, and as far as Nebraska's athletics fortunes are concerned, the win was just about as important."



Bill Jennings

This was Nebraska's proudest moment during a turbulent era ... that every year or so was quelled by a monumental triumph.

From 1949-1961, the Huskers went through three coaches, the first of whom, Bill Glassford (31-35-3 in seven years), produced the period's three winning teams, including Ne-

braska's first Orange Bowl representative in the 1954 season.

But Glassford — who coached the school's first four black players in 40 years, and some of the nation's greatest talent, including All-Americans Tom "Train Wreck" Novak, Jerry Minnick and Bobby Reynolds — declined to pick up a five-year option in his contract and resigned before Nebraska's final game in 1955.

Among the more notable events from his reign were:

■ The 1949 season, when Novak, a center who would be the first player to have his Nebraska jersey number retired, finished his stellar career.

■ The 1950 season, when the sophomore halfback Reynolds became the most explosive Husker, scoring 157 points and rushing for 1,342 yards.

■ A 6-6 tie against Kansas State in 1951 (later awarded to NU by forfeit 1-0 because the Wildcats used an).

■ The Orange Bowl appearance against Duke (earned because league champion Oklahoma had gone to the Orange Bowl the previous year and the Big Seven Conference prohibited teams from appearing there

in consecutive years; Second-place NU "clinched" the trip by losing to OU 55-7).

■ And a humiliating 6-0 home loss to Hawaii in 1955 (a team the Huskers had beaten 50-0 in 1954).

But, by far, the most shocking occurrence of Glassford's era came after the 1953 season when Nebraska players revolted against their mentor, a disciplinarian who had a boot-camp approach to pre-season training (his sessions at Curtis were banned before the '53 season).

The movement started while Glassford, who had undergone surgery to correct a gall bladder ailment following the season, was attending a coaches' convention and visiting his parents in Ohio. A player petition was supposedly submitted to Acting Chancellor John K. Selleck and the Board of Regents asking that Glassford be removed. The report was never made public, but six players did complain in the press.

A statement released after a meeting by 35 players read, in part:

"We would like the public to know the element of our fear. That fear being that if a player does or says the

wrong thing, he will be ridiculed, embarrassed and be faced with the threat of losing his scholarship or never having the opportunity to play again. We do not feel that we can have a winning football team on top morale with the conditions that have existed in the past.

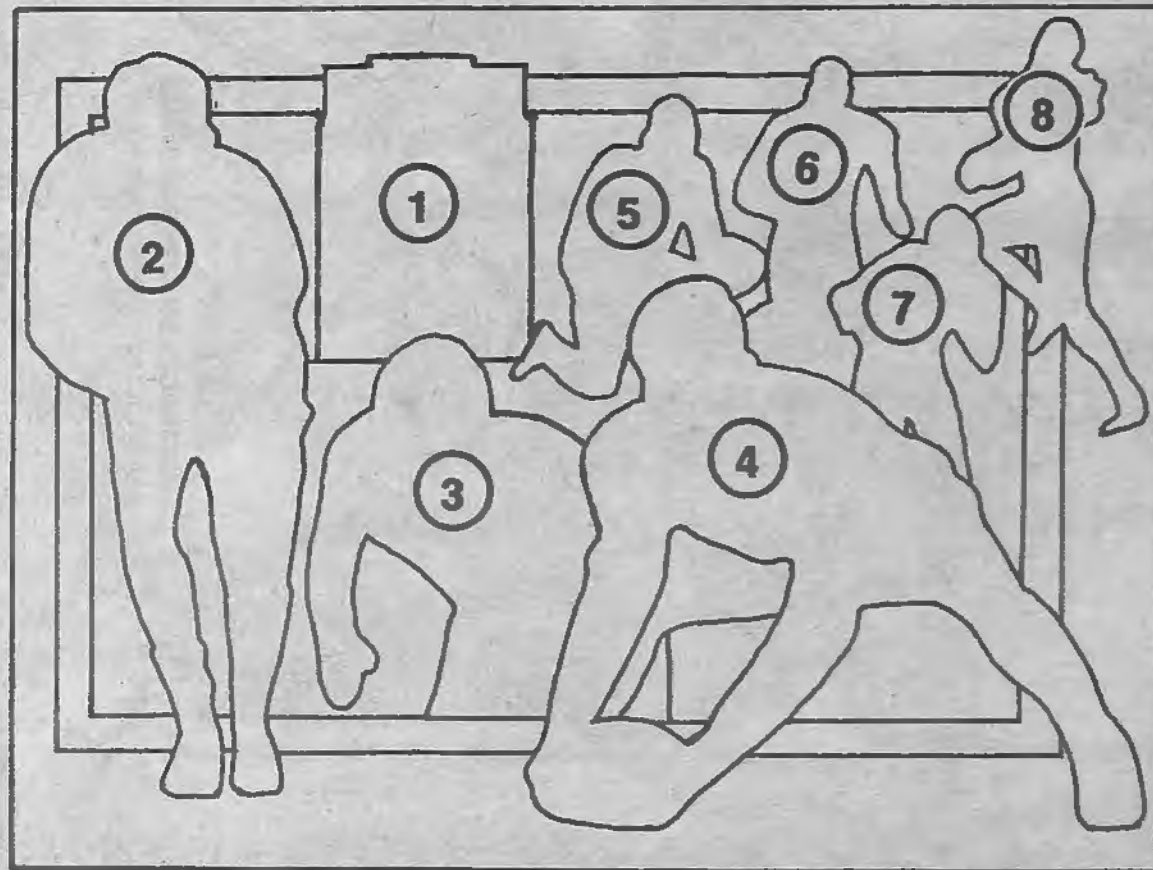
"The team has expressed the fact that for the betterment of the university and the football team that the resignation of Head Coach Bill Glassford is a must."

The revolt climaxed Jan. 16, 1954, when the Board of Intercollegiate Athletics (disbanded the following summer and replaced by representatives of the university Faculty Senate) decided to comply with provisions of Glassford's five-year contract that gave him the option of continuing on five more years beginning in 1956.

Glassford and the players later settled their differences and four of the six who had made statements returned for spring practice.

Ironically, many fans who routinely had cried for Glassford's scalp,

See JENNINGS on page 6X



On the cover

The cover painting is the fifth in a series of seven by sports artist Ted Watts of Oswego, Kan. They depict the seven eras of Nebraska football.

1 The background element shows the scoreboard at Memorial Stadium in 1959 when Bill Jennings' Huskers defeated Oklahoma 25-21 to end the Sooners' string of 74 straight conference games without a loss.

2 Bobby Reynolds (1950-52) earned All-America honors as a sopho-

more after setting NCAA records for yardage, rushing and points scored per game.

3 Jerry Minnick (1951-53) was an All-America defensive tackle as a junior.

4 Tom Novak (1946-49) was an All-America center, considered by many to be the most aggressive Husker football player ever. His jersey, No. 60, was the first to be retired

at Nebraska.

The Fischer brothers

5 Rex Fischer (1955), No. 11.

6 Cletus Fischer (1945-1948), No. 14.

7 Ken Fischer (1948-1949), No. 15.

8 Pat Fischer (1958-1960), No. 40.

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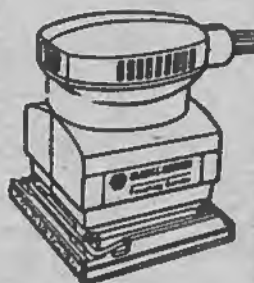
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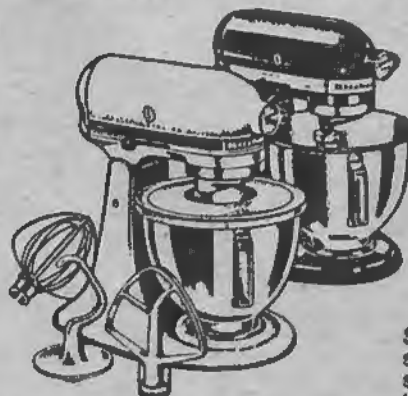
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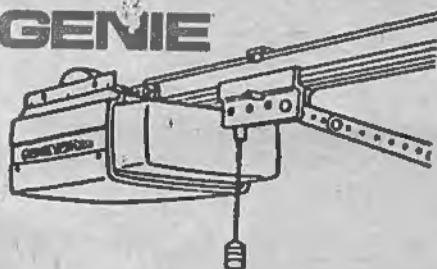
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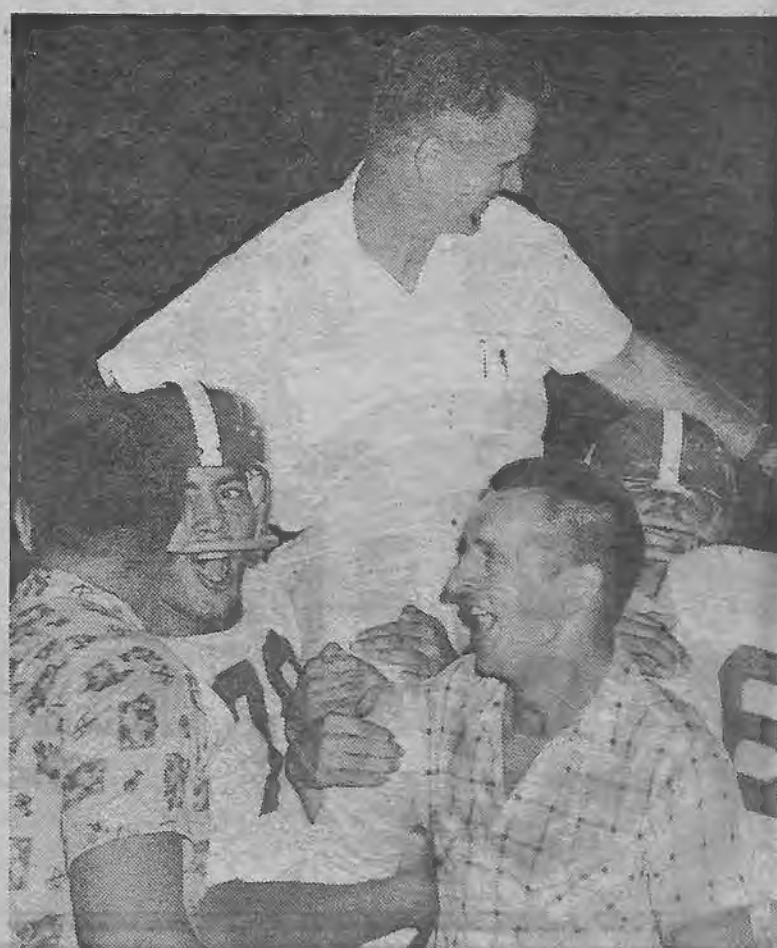
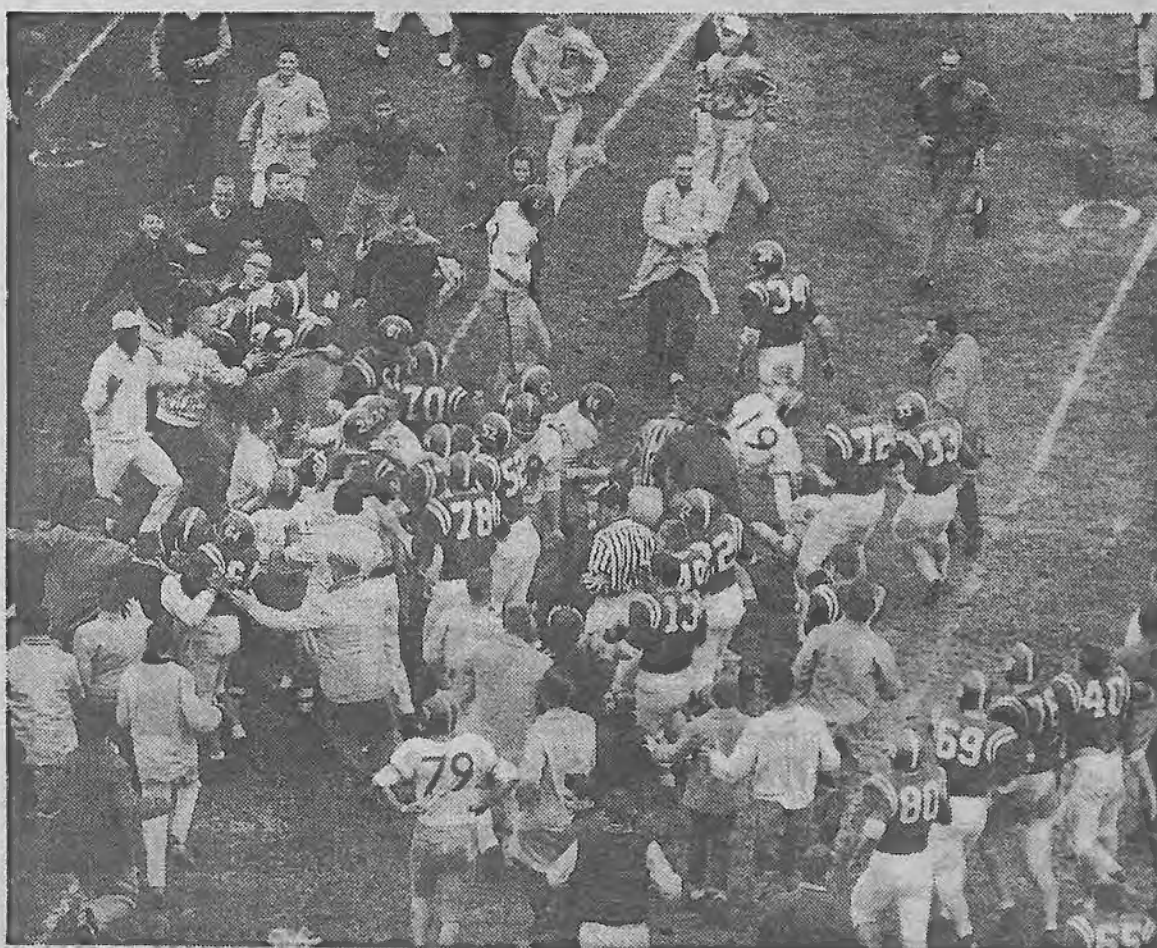
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Bill Jennings' teams finished 15-34-1 in his five years at Nebraska, but there were several memorable victories. Above, fans tear down the Memorial Stadium goal posts after NU defeated Oklahoma 25-21 to end the Sooners' 74-

game Big Eight unbeaten streak in 1959. Below left, fans mob the field after the Huskers upset Pittsburgh 14-6 in 1958 in Lincoln. Below right, Jennings is carried off the field after NU knocked off No. 4 Texas 14-13 in 1960 in Austin.



Loss to Alumni symbolic of era

By Curt McKeever

Nebraska football followers, in the 13 years before Bob Devaney became coach, witnessed a weekly high-wire act. It was tough to get a handle on the Cornhusker program.

There was tension — three coaches came and went during the 1949-61 period that, despite having its share of standout performers, had just three winning teams (1950, '52 and '54).

There was excitement — Nebraska made its first Orange Bowl appearance in 1955 (losing to Duke 34-7) and knocked off national powers Penn State, Pittsburgh ('58), Oklahoma (in '59, ending the Sooners' 74-game string of not having lost to a conference opponent) and Texas ('60).

These were weird times. Perhaps too weird to try and understand.

Pete Elliott, NU's coach in 1956, could attest to that.

In a game that may best illustrate what the era was like, it was Elliott's team coming out on the short end of a 14-0 decision to the Husker alumni.

From 1950 through 1961, Nebraska played 10 varsity-alumni spring games (in 1954 and 1955 Coach Bill Glassford opted for intrasquad games). The 1956 contest was the only one won by the alumni.

"A happy band of victorious Alumni football players charged into their dressing room late Saturday afternoon and the cry heard most frequent was: 'Who's got a cigarette?'" wrote The Lincoln Star's Don Bryant, now Sports Information Director at Nebraska.

It was a funny note to a pretty sorry situation.

The alums, led defensively by the inventor of smashmouth football, Tom Novak, were in control the entire way. A rain-soaked Memorial Stadium crowd of about 5,000 watched Novak and company recover eight of the varsity's 11 fumbles, keeping them at least 27 yards away from the end zone at all times.

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Don Bryant
in The Lincoln Star

"Most of the miscues came when ball carriers were shuddered by fierce tackling," wrote the Lincoln Journal's Dick Becker. "Guys like Tom Novak, Carl Samuelson, Ted Connor, Vic Schleich and Ted Doyle were more than the Varsity could handle."

In contrast, the alumni, which practiced just once, lost only one of three fumbles. But it was the defense that set the tone.

"We saw Novak was following the ball from his linebacker spot, so we tried to use reverses," said assistant varsity coach Dee Andros. "But every time the ball carrier came back the other way... there was Big Sam (Samuelson) waiting to crush him. And if we got away from Sam, we ran into Tom."

Samuelson, an all-Big Six tackle in 1946 and '47, recovered a fumble at the Varsity seven to set up a first-quarter score. Bobby Reynolds, All-American star of the 1950 team, ran five yards on the next play, and after Bill Mueller took it to the two, quarterback John Bordogna, an all-Big Seven performer in 1953, ran twice more for the score. Sam Vacanti's extra point kick made it 7-0.

In the fourth quarter, George Gohde recovered a fumble by quarterback Roy Stinnett at the Varsity 29. Six plays later, Rex Fischer, all-Big Seven in 1955, ran around right



The Alumni team takes a break during a practice for the Alumni-Varsity game in 1959. Forming the pyramid are (bottom, from left) Dick McCashland, Rex Hoy, Jerry Minnick and Dennis Emanuel; (middle, from left) Carl Samuelson, Tom Novak and Bob Mullen; and (top) Rex Fischer (left) and John Bordogna. Alumni Coach Bill Schabacker is at right.

end seven yards for the final TD. Vacanti's PAT concluded the scoring.

Despite the loss, Becker wrote, "After a slow start, when the bulk and aggressiveness of the Alums seemed to upset them, the Varsity players performed well."

Elliott, who rightfully was given a \$2,500 raise to \$14,500 after guiding the '56 team to a 4-6 record, wasn't buying any of the praise.

"When one line beats another and one team fumbles a lot in its own area... well, that's pretty much the story of the ballgame," he said. "We made too many mistakes and fumbled too much. When you make mistakes you can't do anything."

"We have a lot of things to work

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Elliott may have been overwhelmed by those things. Despite the salary raise, he resigned to accept

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Nebraska Coach Bill Glassford (above left) talks with Oklahoma Coach Bud Wilkinson at Memorial Stadium before Glassford's last game at NU in 1955.



Glassford tearfully leaves after a 41-0 loss to OU.

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NU chronology (1949-1961)

1949 The NU band forms "Tom" to recognize All-American center Novak's last game and the end of Bill Glassford's first season as head coach. Cornhuskers wind up 4-5.

1950 Bobby Reynolds named All-American and sets NU records for scoring and yards rushing and receiving, even though he is slowed by a leg injury early in the season. NU wins at Minnesota for first time since 1902. NU's 6-2-1 record is its first winning season since the 1940 team.

1951 NU matches second worst record with 2-8 mark. Tom Coradine of Boys Town becomes first black in modern history to play for Nebraska.

1952 Injury to Reynolds in fourth game sets back NU hopes. Huskers finish 5-4-1.

1953 NU finishes 3-6-1, but John Bordogna sets passing and rushing records for quarterback. At end of season, team petitions complaining of Glassford's approach to coaching are circulated. Charles Bryant becomes first black letterman since Clint Ross in 1913.

1954 Because Big Seven Conference champion Oklahoma is prohibited from making a repeat trip to the Orange Bowl, Runner-up Nebraska (6-4 overall and 4-2 in conference) is invited, despite losing to Oklahoma 55-7. Duke thrashes NU 34-7 in the Orange Bowl.

1955 Marks Glassford's last year as NU opens with devastating 6-0 loss to Hawaii in Memorial Stadium. Cornhuskers salvage a 5-5 season and win four in a row before losing to Oklahoma 41-0 in Glassford's finale.

1956 Pete Elliott is the coach for a year, posts 4-6 record and leaves for a better paying job at California.

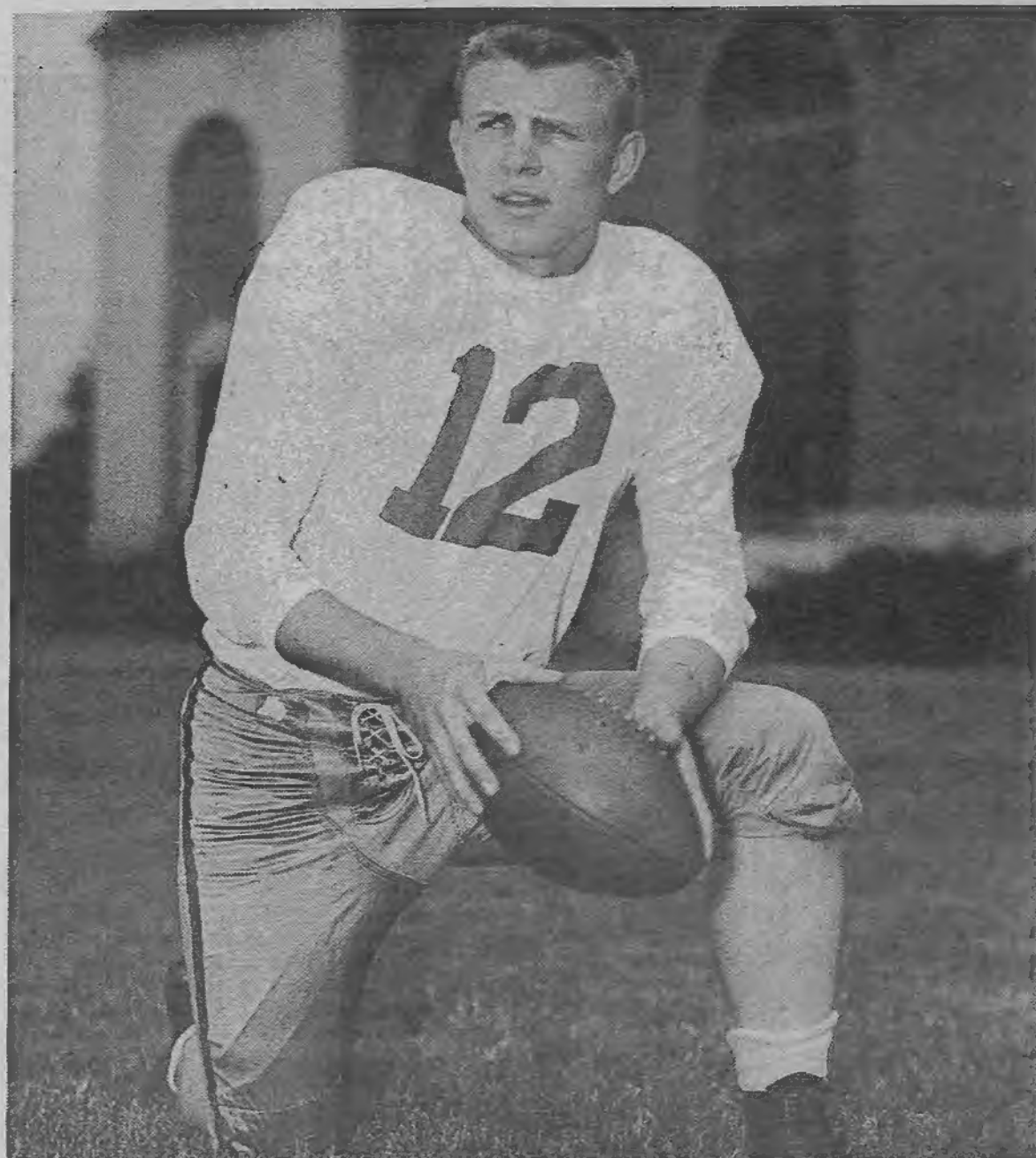
1957 Under new coach Bill Jennings, NU winds up its worst season at 1-9. Nebraska's only win is 14-7 at Kansas State.

1958 Despite stunning upsets of Pennsylvania teams — Penn State 14-7 and Pittsburgh (with tight end Mike Ditka) 14-6 — Nebraska finishes 3-7.

1959 NU upsets Oklahoma 25-21, ending OU's string of 74 games without a loss to a Big Seven Conference opponent. It was the Cornhuskers' first win over Sooners in 17 years.

1960 Jennings coaches NU to another win (17-14) over OU after it is rumored that he turned the Sooners in for NCAA violations. Four extra policemen sit on NU bench at Norman that afternoon because of threats.

1961 A 3-6-1 record marks the end of Jennings stay at NU. But he had convinced NU athletic board to pay more for scholarships so NU could compete for recruits before he left.



Bobby Reynolds was an All-America halfback as a sophomore in 1950. He led the nation in rushing, touchdowns and scoring (a record 157 points that stood for years).

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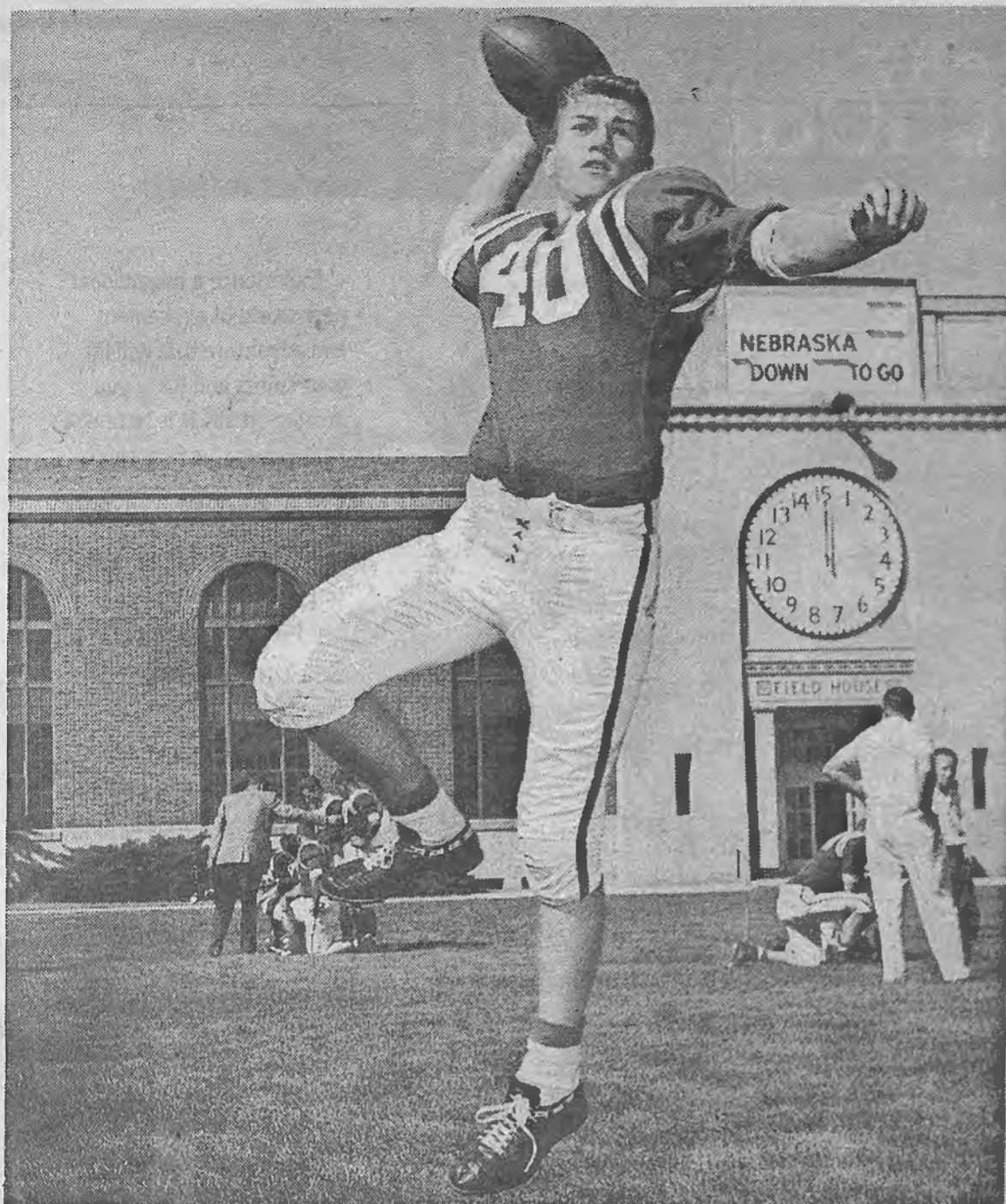
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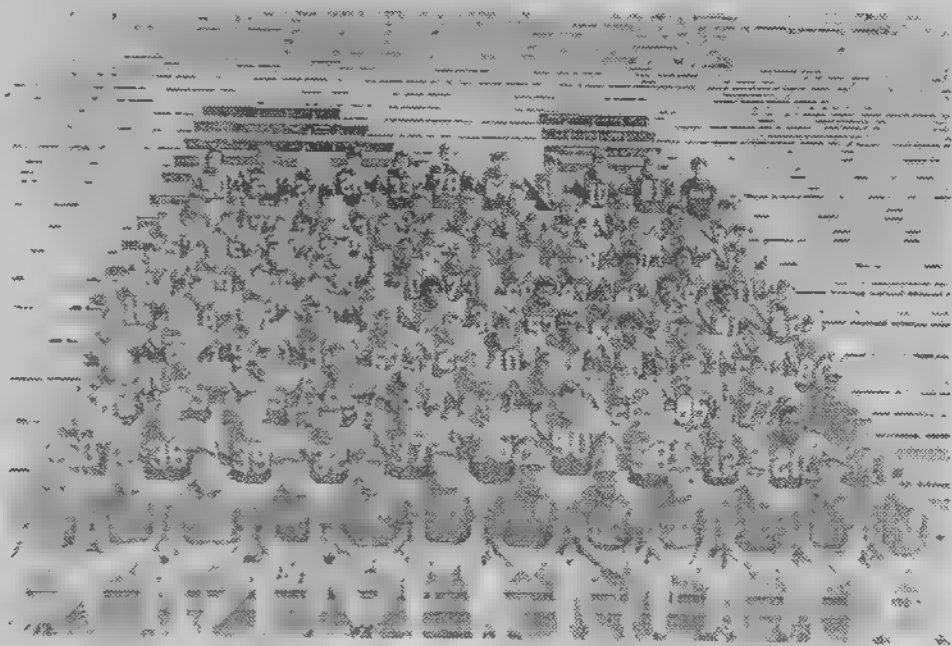
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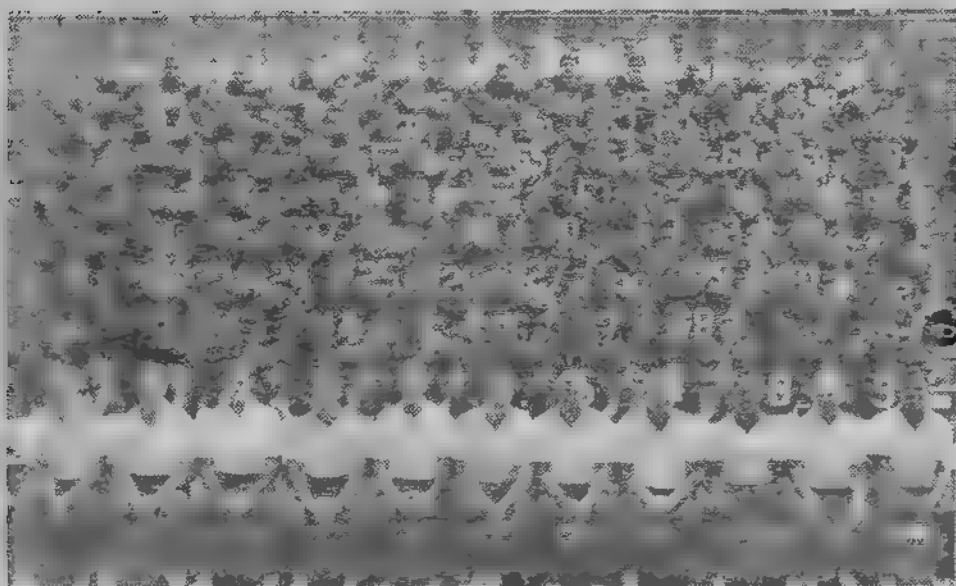
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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Mike Grant	QB	6-2	200	So.	Vairico, Fla.
1	Willi Thomas	FS	6-0	170	So.	Houston, Texas
2	Mickey Joseph	QB	5-11	175	So.	Marrero, La.
3	Tyrone Legette	CB	5-9	170	So.	Columbia, S.C.
4	Jon Bostick	SE	6-2	190	So.	Bellevue, Wash.
5	Tahaun Lewis	CB	5-11	175	Jr.	Colo. Springs, Colo.
6	Brad Devall	WB	5-9	180	Jr.	O'Neill
7	Jim Dabesh	SS	6-1	180	Sr.	Seward
7	Andre McDuffy	IB	5-11	190	So.	Eules, Texas
8	Tyrone Byrd	FS	5-11	170	Fr.	Chandler, Ariz.
9	Robert Hicks	CB	5-10	175	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
10	Keithen McCant	QB	6-2	200	So.	Gr. Prairie, Tex.
10	Mike Heins	CB	5-10	187	Fr.	David City
11	Mark Dowse	WB	6-0	170	So.	Broken Bow
12	Jerry Dunlap	QB	5-11	195	Jr.	Ventura, Calif.
13	Junior Monarrez	MG	6-1	270	Sr.	Bell Garden, Calif.
14	Gerry Gdowski	QB	6-0	190	Sr.	Fremont
15	Tom Haase	QB	6-0	180	So.	Aurora
15	Scott Olson	FS	5-9	185	Jr.	Norfolk
16	Chris Drennan	PK	5-9	200	Sr.	Cypress, Calif.
17	Reggie Cooper	SS	6-3	205	Jr.	Siddell, La.
18	Shane McClanahan	IB	5-8	176	Fr.	Oakland, Iowa
19	Morgan Gregory	SE	5-11	190	Sr.	Denver, Colo.
20	Terry Rodgers	IB	5-7	170	Jr.	Nat. City, Calif.
21	Richard Bell	WB	6-0	205	Sr.	Altadena, Calif.
22	Nate Turner	WB	6-2	220	So.	Chicago, Ill.
23	Leodis Flowers	IB	5-11	200	So.	Omaha
24	Curtis Cotton	SS	6-1	195	So.	Omaha
25	Sam Schmidt	FB	6-1	225	Sr.	Wood River
26	Marvin Sanders	FS	5-11	190	Sr.	Markham, Ill.
27	Freeman White	SS	6-1	200	So.	Kansas City, Mo.
27	Kelly Prater	WB	5-7	185	So.	Clearwater
28	Eric Anderson	CB	5-8	180	Jr.	Omaha
29	Bryan Carpenter	FB	5-10	205	Sr.	Olathe, Kan.
31	Steve Carmer	FS	6-1	200	So.	Weston
32	Ken Clark	IB	5-10	200	Sr.	Omaha
33	Tyrone Hughes	WB	5-9	175	Fr.	New Orleans, La.
33	Alvin Banks	ILB	6-0	210	So.	Moline, Ill.

34	Omar Solo	FB	5-11	225	Jr.	Miami, Fla.
34	John Reece	CB	6-0	190	Fr.	Houston, Texas
35	Scott Kurtz	ILB	5-11	215	Jr.	Omaha
35	Robert Glantz	FB	5-11	220	So.	Houston, Texas
36	Todd Bennett	PK	5-8	180	Jr.	Norfolk
36	Matt Reynolds	FB	5-11	200	So.	Omaha
37	Mike Petka	ILB	6-2	225	So.	Anaheim, Calif.
38	Bruce Pickens	CB	5-11	190	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo.
39	Mark Hogge	ILB	5-11	230	Sr.	Omaha
40	Pat Tyrance	ILB	6-2	240	Jr.	Omaha
41	Tim Johnk	FB	5-10	215	So.	Schuyler
41	Matt Penland	LB	6-0	212	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
42	Jeff Mills	OLB	6-4	235	Sr.	Montclair, N.J.
43	Shane Gelken	ILB	6-1	210	So.	Gothenburg
44	Gregg Barrios	PK	5-8	180	Jr.	Omaha
44	Scott Baldwin	IB	6-1	195	So.	Roselle, N.J.
45	Jon Crippen	CB	5-10	170	Jr.	Houston, Tex.
46	Brian Mohnsen	ILB	6-3	230	So.	McCook
47	Mike Stigge	P	6-1	190	Fr.	Washington, Kan.
48	Scott Beckler	P	6-0	195	Sr.	Grand Island
49	Chris Caliendo	ILB	6-2	240	Sr.	Brookfield, Wis.
51	Brent Pick	OT	6-5	245	Jr.	Wayne
51	Andrew Zacharias	ILB	6-1	230	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.
52	Roger Fitzke	C	6-0	235	Sr.	Harvard
53	Bill Ziegelbein	C	6-5	215	So.	Polk
53	Tyler Zahn	LB	6-2	195	Fr.	Syracuse
54	Chris O'Gara	OG	6-4	270	Sr.	Madison, Wis.
55	Randall Jobman	ILB	6-3	235	Sr.	Lisco
56	Joe Sims	DT	6-3	285	Jr.	Sudbury, Mass.
57	Kenny Walker	DT	6-4	230	Jr.	Crane, Texas
58	David Edeal	C	6-2	285	Jr.	Loomis
59	Ray Reifsnath	OT	6-5	305	So.	Dakota City
59	Will Shields	OG	6-2	243	Fr.	Lawton, Okla.
61	Erik Wiegert	OG	6-4	270	So.	Fremont
61	Steve Keast	ILB	6-3	245	Jr.	Gothenburg
62	Erik Kiehn	OG	6-2	260	Jr.	Omaha
63	Greg Koelner	MG	6-3	285	So.	Haxton, Colo.
63	Pat Kudrna	OG	6-2	270	So.	Sioux City, Iowa
64	John Roschal	OG	6-3	250	Sr.	Houston, Texas

65	Jeff Chaney	OG	6-2	250	So.	Friona, Texas
66	Jim Wanek	OG	6-1	255	Jr.	Aurora
67	Rob Leuck	OG	6-0	245	Sr.	Omaha
68	Jake Young	C	6-4	270	Sr.	Midland, Texas
69	Bill Bobbora	OG	6-3	265	Sr.	Amarillo, Texas
70	Doug Glaser	OT	6-7	295	Sr.	Boich Springs, Tex.
72	John Clarke	OT	6-2	270	So.	Brock
73	Steve Engstrom	OT	6-3	285	Jr.	Lincoln
74	Mike Murray	MG	5-10	240	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
75	Ray Valladao	DT	6-3	285	Sr.	Atwater, Calif.
76	Brian Boerboom	OT	6-7	285	So.	Colo. Springs, Colo.
77	Terry Eymann	OT	6-6	265	Jr.	Omaha
78	Tom Punt	OT	6-8	285	Jr.	Sioux Center, Iowa
80	Chris Garrett	TE	6-3	225	So.	Snyder, Texas
81	Lance Bobolz	WB	5-10	180	Jr.	Dorchester
82	Chip Bahe	SE	5-9	170	Sr.	Fremont
83	Tim McCoy	SE	6-0	175	Sr.	Lincoln
83	Brad Reilly	OLB	6-1	230	So.	Lincoln
83	Jeff Lang	P	5-9	176	Fr.	Papillion
84	Rick Wendland	OLB	6-1	220	Jr.	Topeka, Kan.
85	Monte Kratzenstein	TE	6-3	230	Sr.	Gothenburg
86	Joe Spitzberger	OLB	6-1	220	Jr.	Omaha
86	Daryl Leise	TE	6-2	230	So.	Omaha
87	Don Svehla	OLB	6-0	235	Jr.	Clarkson
87	Don Pleasant	SE	5-10	180	So.	Craig, Colo.
88	Mike Croel	OLB	6-3	225	Jr.	Sudbury, Mass.
89	William Washington	TE	6-2	245	Fr.	Tyler, Texas
90	Le Andre Anderson	DT	6-4	245	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
90	Keith Makell	SE	5-10	160	So.	Omaha
91	Kent Wells	DT	6-5	280	Sr.	Lincoln
92	Corey Hedrick	OLB	6-1	215	Jr.	York
93	Travis Hill	OLB	6-2	230	Fr.	Pearland, Texas
94	Brian Brown	DT	6-6	255	So.	Indiana
95	Paul Brungardt	DT	6-7	265	Jr.	Battle Creek
96	David White	OLB	6-2	225	Fr.	Gretna, La.
97	Pat Engelbert	MG	6-2	245	So.	Columbus
98	Joe D'Alesio	TE	6-6	230	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo.
99	Kevin Miller	DT	6-3	235	Sr.	Hardy

Probable starters

OFFENSE

NEBRASKA (7-0, 3-0)

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
19	Morgan Gregory	5-11	190	Sr.	SE
78	Tom Punt	6-8	285	Jr.	LT
66	Jim Wanek	6-1	255	Jr.	LG
68	Jake Young	6-4	270	Sr.	C
69	Bill Bobbora	6-3	265	Sr.	RG
70	Doug Glaser	6-7	295	Sr.	RT
85	Monte Kratzenstein	6-3	230	Sr.	TE
14	Gerry Gdowski	6-0	190	Sr.	QB
32	Ken Clark	5-10	200	Sr.	IB/RB
29	Bryan Carpenter	5-10	205	Sr.	FB
22	Nate Turner	6-2	220	So.	WB/FL
44	Gregg Barrios	5-8	180	Jr.	K

DEFENSE

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
42	Jeff Mills	6-4	235	Sr.	OLB/LE
75	Ray Valladao	6-3	255	Sr.	LT
74	Mike Murray	5-10	240	Sr.	MG/MLB
91	Kent Wells	6-5	280	Sr.	RT
88	Mike Croel	6-3	225	Jr.	OLB/RE
37	Mike Petka	6-2	225	So.	SLB
40	Pat Tyrance	6-2	240	Jr.	WLB
38	Bruce Pickens	5-11	190	Sr.	LCB
17	Reggie Cooper	6-3	205	Jr.	SS
8	Tyrone Byrd	5-11	170	Fr.	FS
3	Tyrone Legette	5-9	170	So.	RCB
47	Mike Stigge	6-1	190	Fr.	P

IOWA STATE (3-4, 1-2)

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
42	Steve Lester	5-10	195	Jr.
77	Dave Benoit	6-4	254	Sr.
54	Trent Van Hoosen	6-3	244	Sr.
61	George Tsiotsias	6-2	260	Jr.
69	Keith Sims	6-4	300	Sr.
72	Gene Williams	6-2	310	Jr.
85	Mike Busch	6-5	252	Sr.
16	Bret Oberg	6-1	195	Sr.
21	Blaise Bryant	6-1	200	Jr.
32	Ron Wilkinson	5-11	185	So.
83	Tyrone Williams	5-10	173	Sr.
35	Richard Petrovich	5-10	173	Fr.

No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
95	Matt Rehberg	6-5	262	So.
65	Travis Block	6-0	222	Jr.
45	Mike Shane	6-2	210	Sr.
43	Don Edwards	6-3	230	Sr.
75	Randy Bern	6-4	250	Sr.
46	Larry Ratigan	6-3	225	So.
37	Charles Vondra	6-0	200	Jr.
11	Marcus Robertson	6-0	190	Sr.
29	Tim Baker	6-2	192	Sr.
24	Jim McMillion	5-10	165	Fr.
13	Andrew Buggs	6-0	170	Fr.
18	Judge Johnston	6-1	183	Sr.

Kickoff: 1:30 p.m., Memorial Stadium.

Radio: Lincoln KFOR (1240 AM), Omaha KFAB (1110 AM), Lincoln KRNU (90.3 FM).



Iowa State roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
4	Troy Simon	WR	5-8	176	Fr.	Detroit, Mich.
5	Chris Pedersen	QB	6-2	217	So.	Ankeny, Iowa
7	Troy Moore	SE	5-11	185	Jr.	Pullman, Wash.
8	Jeff Bauer	SS	5-11	181	Jr.	Ankeny, Iowa
9	Jeff Shudak	K	5-11	178	Jr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa
10	Paul Blazek	RB	5-11	188	So.	Jackson Junction, Iowa
11	Marcus Robertson	CB	6-0	190	Jr.	Altadena, Calif.
12	Matt Whitmire	QB	6-3	200	So.	Tenino, Wash.
13	Andrew Buggs	CB	6-0	170	Fr.	Corson, Calif.
15	Greg Gloede	DB	6-0	182	Sr.	Schleswig, Iowa
16	Bret Oberg	QB	6-1	195	Sr.	Schleswig, Iowa
17	Jim Doran	LB	6-0	200	Jr.	Paton, Iowa
18	Judge Johnston	P	6-1	183	Sr.	Scottsdale, Ariz.
20	Steve Weron	DB	6-0	200	So.	St. Charles, Ill.
21	Blaise Bryant	RB	6-1	200	Jr.	Huntington Beach, Calif.
22	Dave Eder	CB	5-11	181	Sr.	Elgin, Ill.
24	Jim McMillion	FS	5-10	165	Fr.	Bellevue
25	Mark Doubrava	DB	6-0	183	Fr.	Urbandale, Iowa
27	Lant Doran	DB	6-2	191	So.	Paton, Iowa

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
28	Shawn Walker	CB	6-1	180	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.
29	Tim Baker	SS	6-2	192	Sr.	Grundy Center, Iowa
31	Paul Thibodeaux	RB	5-11	188	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
32	Ron Wilkinson	FB	5-11	185	So.	Los Angeles, Calif.
34	Hussein Warmack	FB	6-3	212	Fr.	Detroit, Mich.
35	Richard Petrovich	K	5-10	173	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
36	Casey Martiney	DB	5-11	173	Jr.	Fontana, Calif.
37	Charles Vondra	LB	6-0	200	Sr.	Ames, Iowa
41	Dan Watkins	LB	6-3	220	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.
42	Steve Lester	SE	5-10	195	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
43	Don Edwards	DT	6-3	230	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
45	Mike Shane	LB	6-2	210	Sr.	Sweetser, Ind.
46	Larry Ratigan	LB	6-3	225	So.	Council Bluffs, Iowa
47	Glenn Wilder	DT	6-3	214	Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa
48	Dean Ahlers	DE	6-1	234	Sr.	Hartley, Iowa
49	Melvin Coleman	LB	6-1	200	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
50	Dean White	LB	6-2	215	Sr.	Hawthorne, Iowa
54	Trent Van Hoosen	OG	6-3	244	Sr.	Newton, Iowa
55	Phil Navarro	LB	6-2	238	Jr.	Compton, Calif.
56	Chris Mussman	C	6-4	255	Jr.	Owatonna, Minn.

57	Rick Wells	OG	6-3	257	Sr.	San Bernardino, Calif.
60	Eric Carlson	OG	6-3	246	So.	Bettendorf, Iowa
61	George Tsotsias	C	6-2	260	Jr.	N. Miami Beach, Fla.
65	Travis Block	DT	6-0	222	Jr.	Zwingle, Iowa
67	Todd Miller	DT	6-5	220	Fr.	Lake City, Iowa
68	Lance Henkel	OT	6-4	244	So.	Des Moines, Iowa
69	Keith Sims	OG	6-4	300	Sr.	Millington, N.J.
72	Gene Williams	OT	6-2	310	Jr.	Omaha
75	Randy Bern	DE	6-4	250	Sr.	Spencer, Iowa
77	Dave Benoit	OT	6-4	254	Sr.	Hawthorne Woods, Ill.
79	Mike Cerveny	OL	6-1	243	So.	Fairfax, Iowa
81	John Gafferty	FL	6-1	181	Jr.	Ames, Iowa
83	Tyrone Williams	FL	5-10	173	Sr.	Oak Park, Ill.
85	Mike Busch	TE	6-5	252	Sr.	Donahue, Iowa
88	Craig Mahoney	TE	6-2	230	Jr.	Mason City, Iowa
91	Paul Schulte	TE	6-3	210	So.	Des Moines, Iowa
93	Matt Grubb	DT	6-1	240	So.	Indianola, Iowa
95	Matt Rehberg	DE	6-5	262	So.	Omaha
98	Kendall Webb	DE	6-3	225	So.	Kansas City, Mo.
99	Mark Dunn	DE	6-4	225	So.	State Center, Iowa

Cyclones at a glance

Record: 3-4.

Key Players: quarterback Bret Oberg, tailback Blaise Bryant, tight end Mike Busch, receivers Steve Lester, Troy Moore, flankers Tyrone Williams, John Glottelty, kicker Jeff Shudak, linebacker Mike Shane, cornerback Marcus Robertson.

Strengths: With the return of receivers and the blossoming of quarterback Oberg, combined with the run-

ning of Bryant, the fifth leading rusher in the country, make ISU a potent offense. The Cyclones' 600-plus yards of offense against Oklahoma last week proved that point.

Weaknesses: The defense is depleted by injuries, witness the 43 points given up to Oklahoma last week. Six defensive backs are gone since last spring and a total of nine players, who would have been in the top two defenses at ISU, have quit, been in-

jured or left the team for other reasons. Depth after Oberg and Bryant at QB and RB is unknown.

Notes: Iowa State has lost 11 straight to Nebraska since back-to-back victories in 1976 and 1977. Nebraska beat ISU 36-8 in the snow last year in Ames... Bryant rushed for 151 yards against Oklahoma and scored his third two-point conversion of the season. He needs just 95 yards to break

the 1,000-yard barrier for the season. He is averaging 129.3 yards a game and 4.9 yards a carry... Oberg set a school record, completing 26 of 48 passes for four touchdowns and ran for two touchdowns last week. He has completed 61 percent of his passes this year and leads the Big Eight in passing yardage and is seventh in the nation in that category. He leads the Big Eight in total offense and is 16th in the nation.

Iowa St.'s Blaise has worked hard to live up to name

By Ken Hambleton

Life as a running back might be a lot easier if Blaise Bryant had a different first name.

"Ever since I was a little kid, it's been, 'Look at the Blaise, he must be the fastest guy around.' It's a lot to live up to. Maybe if I was Bill or Sam, people wouldn't think about it," the Iowa State running back said.

"Although, nobody ever forgets my name either."

Bryant has lived up to his name so far at Iowa State. He set a Big Eight record for most yards in a first game with 213 yards in the season opener. Now, he is the fifth leading rusher in the country and will soon become the leader in the Big Eight.

He has 905 yards rushing, averaging 129.3 yards a game and 4.9 yards a carry.

"Blaise Bryant is everything you'd use to describe the perfect football player," Iowa State Coach Jim Walden said. "Personality. Heart. Work. Desire. Talent. Toughness. Speed. That's Blaise."

"He is a joy to be around, and I'm tickled to death to have him on our team. When he needs to turn it up a notch, he does. He really hasn't had a bad game, although he'll tell you he has."

Bryant's low mark for the season came against Kansas, when he rushed for 126 yards and a touchdown and had two catches for 36 yards.

"I could have run harder and done some things better against Kansas, but I didn't take that game seriously at the start, and I learned that Kansas wanted to win and was going to do everything they could to win," he said.

Bryant grew up in Huntington Beach, Calif., and was a standout high school player. He led the national junior college ranks in rushing last year and earned All-America status.

"Iowa State came and talked to me, and I decided I'd like to try the Big Eight and be a part of the turnaround at Iowa State," he said. "But sometimes, I still wonder how I got here. There are times I wish I was back home too... back home where I could go to the beach to sit and

"I haven't got the nerve to go sit in a cornfield here in Iowa yet," he

joked. "I'm learning about life in the midwest. The people are fine, there just isn't that much to do."

"It's a good thing I'm playing a lot of football. I didn't think I'd play much at all this year, but they made me a starter, and I've got a lot to do during the week now."

Bryant said he also had an awakening in regard to Big Eight football.

"I didn't know much about the Big Eight before my coach told me that, if I didn't want to sound like an idiot, I better learn about the conferences and the schools around the country," Bryant said.

"I learned which schools were in the Big Eight, but I still had this idea in the back of my mind that these guys from Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado, were all some kind of super-human giants. I mean, you watch them on TV, and the Big Eight guys are always crushing somebody and winning the Heisman Trophy and the other trophies."

"But, you know, playing against them, I found out they're normal people just like me and my teammates."

That realization hit home last week when Bryant ran for 151 yards and his team gained 607 yards of total offense against Oklahoma in a 43-40 loss.

"We can rise to the occasion, and if we stay in a game, like we did against Oklahoma, we can do the things we're supposed to do. Against Colorado, we got further and further behind, and we had to get out of our offensive plan," he said.

Bryant's success has made Iowa State a very dangerous offense, Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said.

"Bryant adds something to their offense, and his running ability makes a big difference in what they can do," Osborne said. "Iowa State can put you in a lot of awkward positions trying to stop them."

Bryant said he owed his success to his offensive line and to the success of Iowa State's passing game.

"Our line has become one of the best," Bryant said. "When our line can get me to the opposing linebackers, I know I can get us a chunk of yards. And our passing game takes a lot of pressure off me, too."

"All I want is for people to respect us as a team and I think they do after the Oklahoma game. And for me, I just want the same kind of respect, where defenders say, 'he was good.'"

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Los Angeles sports teams all fall on their face masks

By Steve Harvey
Universal Press Syndicate

The colleges

Seldom have Los Angeles sports teams fared so miserably

Not only did the Trojans, Bruins, Rams and Raiders all fall on their face masks over the weekend, but the Clippers failed to get rid of center Benoit Benjamin, who decided not to defect to Italy as he had threatened. While no L.A. teams sullied the Los Angeles Coliseum, that arena didn't escape ignominy, either. Singer Axl Rose fell off the stage during a concert there.

Meanwhile, a week after Fitchburg (Mass.) State saw its 34-game losing streak end, the University of the District of Columbia put a 25-game streak of misfortune on the line against Livingstone (1-4).

"They (Livingstone's players) were doing a lot of jawing before the game," Columbia's Willie Wood Jr. said later. Final score: D.C. 14, Livingstone 10. Most embarrassed team in the nation? Livingstone, we presume.

Rankings

School (record)
1-5. L.A. teams
6. LSU (1-5)
7. Oklahoma (5-2)
8. AP's top 25 (15-7-3)
9. Tennessee (5-1)
10. Arizona St. (3-3-1)

Last loss
5 setbacks
21-27, Kentucky
609 yards*
shake-up
123.7 yards**
7-27, Oregon

Next loss
don't ask
Tennessee
Colorado

COMEDOWN OF THE WEEK (29 points): Air Force, an 11-point favorite, lost 9-27 to TCU.

The pros

If Dancing Bears Coach Mike Ditka offers you any tips on stocks to buy, pay attention. This man obviously can foresee the future.

When Chicago fell to Houston two weekends ago, Ditka raised the question of whether the Bears were capable of winning another game this season. "I don't think we are," he concluded.

And just to prove him correct, the Bears went right out and got beat up by Cleveland, 7-27, on Monday. Chicago



couldn't stop the rushing game of such Browns as QB Bernie Kosar, who gained 1 yard to hike his four-and-a-half-year total to 75. Chicago, which has now suffered three straight setbacks for the first time ever under Ditka, is 4-3, going on 4-12.

Elsewhere, Blooper of the Week award went to Seattle center Grant Feasel, who fouled up a field-goal attempt by snapping the ball too soon. It bounced off the helmet of holder Jeff Kemp. Officials in the instant-replay booth ruled that the ball was short of the end zone and off to the right.

Meanwhile, the Steelers were back in the pits after a 0-28 loss to Houston. Rookie running back Tim Worley complained that the team's running game suffered because, "Any little mistake we make, they (the coaching staff) panic and we've gotten out of our game plan." Perhaps they should go back to the suggestion of last year by QB Bobby Brister and punt on first down.

Rankings

Team (record)	Last loss	Next loss
1. Chicago (4-3)	Swoon Conference lost 3	Rams
2. L.A. Rams (5-2)	lost 2	Chicago
Phoenix Doghouse Conference		
Opponent	Empty seats	
1. Atlanta	40,830	
2. Philadelphia	32,104	
3. San Diego	30,523	
QB-for-a-Day Conference*		
Team (record)	Last loss	Next loss
1. Oregon (0-1)	20-37, San Francisco	Indianapolis
2. Flutie (1-2)	idle	idle
3. Eason (1-2)	idle	idle

*New England Patriots are only member.
QUOTE BOOK: Los Angeles Coliseum spectator Greg Horbachewski, gazing at one end zone, where the Rolling Stones were performing in concert: "Guess I picked the wrong time to get seats on the 50-yard line."

Team	Car	Yds	Yds Pp
Nebraska	418	2735	390.7
Colorado	415	2725	389.3
Air Force	475	3091	386.4
Army	417	2147	357.8
Oklahoma	422	2401	343.0
Arkansas	360	1959	326.5
Northern Ill.	430	2254	322.0
Fresno St.	374	1893	270.4
Hawaii	354	1857	265.3
Florida	347	1856	265.1

Team	Car	Yds	Yds Pp
Houston	388	235	325.7
Brigham Young	262	164	275.3
Utah	391	210	279.5
Miami (Fla.)	267	149	205.1
San Diego St.	268	163	230.9
Florida St.	251	148	209.3
Duke	269	172	202.8
Washington St.	233	140	216.9
New Mexico	317	169	215.8
San Jose St.	200	109	159.9

Team	Plays	Yds	Yds Pp
Houston	524	3979	663.1
Brigham Young	515	3770	538.5
Nebraska	527	3650	521.4
Colorado	480	3589	512.7
San Diego St.	560	3515	502.1
Air Force	574	3985	498.1
Miami (Fla.)	512	2910	485.0
Fresno St.	545	3275	467.8
Duke	528	3208	458.2
Utah	634	3636	454.5

Team	Car	Yds	Yds Pp
Miami (Fla.)	197	273	45.5
Nebraska	233	432	61.7
Southern Cal	207	484	69.4
Fresno St.	224	501	71.6
Florida	241	556	79.4
Alabama	192	479	79.8
Penn St.	226	512	85.3
Virginia Tech	264	604	86.3
West Va.	224	624	89.1
Pittsburgh	217	552	92.0

Team	Car	Yds	Yds Pp
Illinois	129	58	71.9
Indiana	115	59	75.4
Florida	188	95	90.5
Boston Col.	123	57	81.6
Auburn	136	74	81.9
Kansas St.	112	71	99.8
Mississippi St.	165	80	86.8
Houston	237	98	87.0
Miami (Fla.)	171	84	87.4
Texas	139	76	91.7

Team	Plays	Yds	Yds Pp
Miami (Fla.)	368	1147	191.2
Florida	429	1461	208.7

Team	G	Pts	Avg
Houston	6	344	57.3
Nebraska	7	329	47.0
Colorado	7	305	43.6
Miami (Fla.)	6	250	41.7
Fresno St.	7	285	40.7
Hawaii	7	283	40.4
Air Force	8	305	38.1
Brigham Young	7	263	37.6
Oklahoma	7	258	36.9
Florida St.	7	243	34.7

Team	G	Pts	Avg
Penn St.	6	44	7.3
Miami (Fla.)	6	49	8.2
Houston	6	62	10.3
Auburn	6	64	10.7
Florida	7	89	12.7
Nebraska	7	91	13.0
Arizona	7	91	13.0
Illinois	6	79	13.2
Georgia	6	83	13.8
Pittsburgh	6	84	14.0
Colorado	7	98	14.0

Team	Car	Yds	Yds Pp
E. Smith, Fla	176	1128	6.4
A. Thompson, Ind	182	965	5.3
Gaddis, Okla	110	829	7.5
Mayweather, Army	141	802	5.7
Bryant, Iowa St	183	905	4.9
Christlan, NW	155	754	4.9
Mays, Ga Tech	126	741	5.9
Cobb, Tenn	90	616	6.8
Pringle, Ful St	200	983	4.9
Gray, Tx Tech	153	851	5.6

Team	Car	Yds	Yds Pp
Detmer, BYU	248	155	264.4
S. Moore, Va	147	85	140.3
Harris, WV	144	84	128.5
Torretta, Mia Fla	107	68	97.6
Ware, Hou	308	187	258.4
Speltz, Ful St	247	172	210.0
Oberg, Iowa St	165	100	158.1
Van Pelt, Pitt	165	100	141.4
McGwire, SDS	268	163	230.9
Gardere, Texas	104	65	85.6

Team	Car	Yds	Yds Pp
Ware, Hou	2469	7.4	411.5
Detmer, BYU	2593	8.7	370.4
Mitchell, Utah	2635	6.1	329.3
McGwire, SDS	2203	7.4	314.7
Bri. Michl, SW La	2293	5.8	286.6

Team	Gms	Ct	Yds	Ct Pp
Hazard, Hou	6	69	918	11.5
Buchanan, NW	6	58	677	9.6
Henley, Rice	7	52	635	7.4
Gaines, Vand	6	43	441	7.1
Gilbreath, SDS	7	50	602	7.1
M. Smith, Kon St	7	49	593	7.0
Johnson, Sn Jose	5	34	417	6.8

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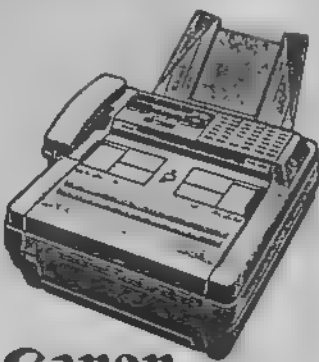
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College Saturday

INDIANA AT MICHIGAN

Time: 11 a.m.

TV: ABC (Channel 7)

Announcers: Keith Jackson, Bob Griese and Mike Adamle.

Notes: Heisman Trophy candidate Anthony Thompson leads the Hoosiers into the Big Ten meeting with fifth-ranked Michigan. Thompson leads the nation in scoring with an average of 18.7 points per game, and his 160.8-yard rushing average trails Florida junior Emmitt Smith by 0.3 yards. With 73 yards in receptions and 235 in kickoff returns, Thompson also is third in the nation in all-purpose running. In addition, Thompson needs one touchdown to match the NCAA regular-season record of 59 set by Army's Glenn Davis and tied by Pitt's Tony Dorsett. Indiana is 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the conference after defeating Minnesota 28-18. Michigan improved to 5-1 and 3-0 with a 26-12 win against Iowa.

PRINCETON AT HARVARD

Time: 11 a.m.

TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)

Announcers: Sean McDonough and Stan White.

Notes: Harvard will seek to hand Princeton its first conference loss in the Ivy League battle. Princeton, which beat non-conference opponent Fordham 38-20 last week, is 4-1 overall and tied with Yale for first in the league at 3-0. Harvard is 2-4 and 2-1, including a 6-5 win against Dartmouth in its most recent game. Princeton beat Harvard 23-8 last year.

TENNESSEE AT LSU

Time: Noon

TV: TBS (Cable Channel 4)

Announcers: Bob Neal and Tim Foley.

Notes: Louisiana State had to prepare for two quarterbacks while getting ready for Southeastern Conference opponent Tennessee. Top-notch passer Andy Kelly is likely to start for the 11th-ranked Volunteers, but option quarterback Sterling Henton could see some action. Tennessee is 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the SEC after losing 47-30 to Alabama. LSU, 0-3 in the conference after a 27-21 loss to Kentucky, is 1-5 overall — the second-worst start in the 96-year history of football at the school.

ALABAMA AT MISSISSIPPI STATE

Time: 1:30 p.m.

TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)

Announcers: Jim Nantz, Pat Haden and John Dockery.

Notes: Alabama leads the inter-sectional rivalry 7-4, including a 14-7 triumph in the 1979 Sugar Bowl meeting for the national championship. The Tide also has won the last two games, 24-13 in 1987 and 8-3 in 1988. Alabama improved its record to 6-0 and its rating to sixth by beating Tennessee 47-30. Penn State, 5-1 and ranked 14th, had last week off.

OHIO STATE AT MINNESOTA

Time: 2:30 p.m.

TV: ABC (Channel 7)

Announcers: Steve Alvarez, Lynn Swann and Mark Curtis.

Notes: After playing three of the last four games at home, Ohio State hits the road to play Big Ten rival Minnesota. The Buckeyes have won the last seven meetings and 19 of the last 20 with the Gophers. Ohio State is coming off a 21-3 victory against Purdue that improved its record to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the Big Ten. Minnesota also is 4-2 and 2-1 after a 28-18 loss to Indiana.

PITTSBURGH AT NOTRE DAME

Time: 4 p.m.

TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)

Announcers: Tim Brando and Vince Dooley.

Notes: Notre Dame is gaining a reputation as a top fighting team as well as the No. 1 football team in the nation. Last week's pregame brawl in the tunnel with Southern California players is the latest example on a list that includes five unsportsmanlike conduct penalties in January's Fiesta Bowl against West Virginia. The brawl with the Trojans didn't keep the Irish from the task at hand. Notre Dame rallied from a 17-7 halftime deficit to win 28-24 and improve its record to 7-0. No. 7 Pitt, 5-0-1, was idle last week.

MIAMI AT FLORIDA STATE

Time: 7 p.m.

TV: ESPN (Cable Channel 23)

Announcers: Ron Franklin and Kevin Kiley.

Notes: Florida State was being touted as a national championship contender when it opened the 1988 season against the Hurricanes. Miami won the game 31-0, but the Seminoles went 11-0 the rest of the way. Ninth-ranked Florida State is 5-2 after defeating Auburn 22-14. Second-ranked Miami, which has lost only to Notre Dame in the past two seasons, is 6-0.

NFL Sunday

LOS ANGELES RAMS AT CHICAGO

Time: Noon

TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)

Notes: Chicago leads the series 43-29-3, but Los Angeles has won the last four regular-season meetings. The Bears' only win in that time was 24-0 in the 1985 NFC championship game. Los Angeles' loss Sunday against New Orleans was the first at home in four games and the first to an NFC West opponent. The 5-2 Rams are one game behind San Francisco in their division. Chicago, 4-3, is one game behind Minnesota in the NFC Central, the first week since the end of the 1983 season that the Bears have not led the division. The Bears have lost three straight for the first time since Mike Ditka began coaching in 1982. Los Angeles quarterback Jim Everett has 14 touchdown passes and only seven interceptions. He has thrown for 1,832 yards. Los Angeles hasn't scored a rushing touchdown in four games. Chicago has the league's second-best ground attack, averaging over 155-yards per game. The Bears are tied for the second most interceptions in the league with 15. Six players, led by Lorenzo Lynch (3), have more than one.

HOUSTON AT CLEVELAND

Time: Noon

TV: NBC (Channel 6)

Notes: Cleveland leads the series 24-14, but Houston has won three of the last five, including a win in the AFC wild-card game last season. The Oilers, 8-11 on the road the last two years, have won two of three at Cleveland in that span. Houston and Cleveland are tied with Cincinnati for first place in the AFC Central at 4-3. The Oilers have won three of their last four games, including two straight at home. Houston's last shut-out before blanking Pittsburgh on Sunday was Dec. 20, 1980, also against the Steelers. The Browns had scored only 47 points in four games before Monday's win against Chicago. Houston leads the AFC in scoring (195 points), and Cleveland has given up an NFL-low 95 points.

PHILADELPHIA AT DENVER

Time: 3 p.m.

TV: CBS (Channels 3, 10/11)

Notes: Philadelphia has won three of five games with Denver, including the last meeting at Mile High Stadium in 1983. Denver, 4-1, leads the

AFC West by three games over the Los Angeles Raiders, Kansas City and Seattle. The Broncos have won three straight and are 4-0 at Mile High Stadium this season. Philadelphia, 5-2, is one game behind the New York Giants in the NFC East. In his last five games, Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham has thrown four touchdowns and eight interceptions. The Eagles are 2-0 this year against the AFC West and 37-26 overall against the AFC. Denver is 22-10-1 against the NFC since 1980. Elway is the AFC's winningest starter with a 60-29-1 mark. Denver has the third best rushing attack.

NFL Monday

MINNESOTA AT NEW YORK GIANTS

Time: 8 p.m.

TV: ABC (Channel 7)

Announcers: Frank Gifford, Al Michaels and Dan Dierdorf.

Notes: Minnesota leads 6-2 in the

series, but the teams are meeting for only the third time in 14 years. The Vikings have won the three games in the New York area: two at Yankee Stadium and one at the Yale Bowl in New Haven, Conn. Minnesota has never played at the Meadowlands. The 6-1 Giants are tied for the NFL's best record with Denver and San Francisco. The 5-2 Vikings are one game ahead of Chicago in the NFC Central. New York tight end Mark Bavaro left Sunday's game with a sprained knee, but he is expected to play against Minnesota. The Vikings have won four straight after starting the year 1-2. New York has two consecutive victories since losing to Philadelphia. Minnesota hasn't allowed any points in the third quarter this year and has scored only a touchdown in the fourth. The Vikings pace the NFL with 37 sacks, led by Keith Millard's 12. Herschel Walker has gained 237 yards in two games with Minnesota, and his 483-yard total is sixth in the NFC. Tommy Kramer will start at quarterback, although Wade Wilson is available.

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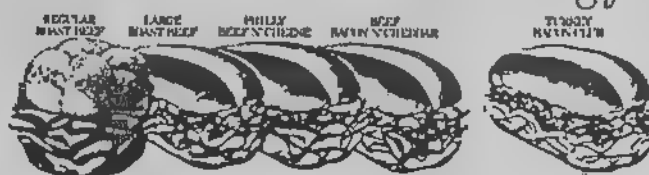
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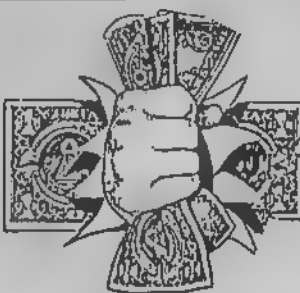
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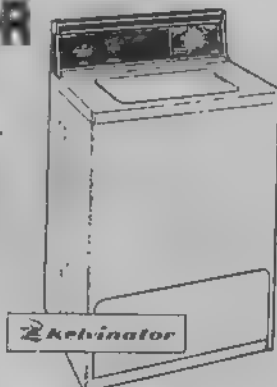
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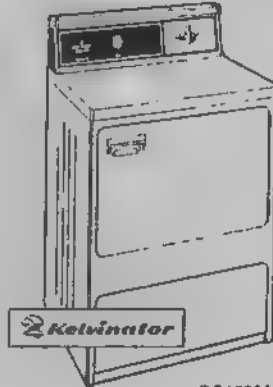
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Pittsburgh blocks path of No. 1 Notre Dame

By Rick Warner
Associated Press

There's no truth to the rumor that Pittsburgh will airlift its players onto the field Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

It would be understandable, though, given what happened to Southern California last week and Miami last year. Both teams were involved in pregame fights with the Fighting Irish in the narrow tunnel leading from the locker rooms to the field.

Coach Lou Holtz has vowed to resign if his top-ranked team gets into another such brawl. But his biggest worry is the fight that will take place on the field against the seventh-ranked Panthers, who are off to their best start (5-0-1) since 1982.

That year, Pittsburgh won its first seven games before losing to Notre Dame 31-16. The Panthers then won three straight over the Fighting Irish before last year's 30-20 defeat.

The Irish are 7-0, but they appear vulnerable against good passing teams like Pittsburgh. Notre Dame's pass defense has given up an average of 307 yards in its last three games, and 13 of the 15 touchdowns scored against the team this season have been through the air.

Pitt's Alex Van Pelt has already thrown for 300 yards twice this year. He'll do it again Saturday as the Pan-



Lou Holtz

thers, who are 9½-point underdogs, snap Notre Dame's 19-game winning streak. ... **PITTSBURGH 31-28.**

There's another major battle at Tallahassee, where second-ranked Miami visits No. 9 Florida State.

This could be payback time for the Seminoles, whose losses to Miami in 1987 and 1988 cost them a shot at the national championship. But history isn't on Florida State's side. Miami has won nine of 10 games at Tallahassee, with the only loss coming in

1979

Florida State has won five straight since opening the season with two losses, while Miami is 6-0. The odds-makers are calling it a tossup. ...

No. 3 Colorado (minus 6) at Oklahoma: The Sooners are unranked for the first time since the end of the 1983 season, while Colorado is 7-0 for the first time since Whizzer White's 1937 team. ... **COLORADO 35-21.**

Iowa St. (plus 32) at No. 4 Nebraska: The Cornhuskers tune up for next week's Big Eight showdown in Boulder. ... **NEBRASKA 58-28.**

Indiana (plus 13) at No. 5 Michigan: Michigan's stalwart defense will be tested by Indiana's Anthony Thompson, the nation's second-leading rusher. ... **MICHIGAN 17-13.**

No. 6 Alabama (even) at No. 14 Penn St.: Penn State leads the nation in scoring defense, limiting the opposition to seven points a game. But Alabama has a high-powered offense that averages 34 points a game. Defense wins. ... **PENN ST. 17-14.**

Wisconsin (plus 20) at No. 8 Illinois: Illinois' sputtering offense gets back on track. ... **ILLINOIS 48-10.**

Stanford (plus 20) at No. 18 Southern Cal: The Trojans rebound from their heartbreaking loss to Notre

Bowden expects low-scoring game

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden said Thursday he expects a low-scoring game Saturday night against the second-ranked Miami Hurricanes.

"I don't think we've played a game in a long time where a mistake can be so meaningful," Bowden said. "If nobody makes any mistakes, it should be a close one."

After the No. 9 Seminoles (5-2) worked out for an hour in shorts, Bowden pronounced them ready to play.

AP college picks

Dame. ... **SOUTHERN CAL 28-9.**

No. 11 Tennessee (plus 2) at Louisiana St.: When's the last time a 1-5 team was favored over a 5-1 team? ... **TENNESSEE 42-21.**

No. 12 Houston (minus 5½) vs. No. 13 Arkansas at Little Rock: One thing's for sure, Houston won't score 95 points again. But the Cougars won't need to. ... **HOUSTON 42-28.**

No. 15 West Virginia (minus 9½) at Boston College: Boston College's only win came against winless Temple. ... **WEST VIRGINIA 42-17.**

Mississippi St. (plus 18) at No. 16 Auburn: Auburn needs this one to keep its title hopes alive in the Southeastern Conference. ... **AUBURN 28-11.**

Pacific (no line) at No. 17 Arizona: No contest. ... **ARIZONA 48-0.**

No. 18 Brigham Young (minus 4) at Hawaii: BYU is 4-0 on the road and Hawaii is 5-0 at home. ... **BRIGHAM YOUNG 42-40.**

No. 20 North Carolina St. (plus 4) at No. 25 South Carolina: After beating East Carolina and Western Carolina, the Gamecocks go for the the Carolina triple. ... **SOUTH CAROLINA 24-21.**

No. 21 Texas A&M (minus 17) at Rice: Rice has beaten A&M only once in the last 15 years. ... **TEXAS A&M 48-7.**

Wake Forest (plus 23) at No. 22 Clemson: Clemson holds a Wake at Death Valley. ... **CLEMSON 34-10.**

No. 23 Washington St. (minus 5½) at Arizona St.: Washington State gets back on track after a tough loss to Arizona. ... **WASHINGTON ST. 38-7.**

AP Top 25 at a glance

Team (record) opponent	*Babcock's rating
1. Notre Dame (7-0) hosts No. 7 Pittsburgh	1
2. Miami, Fla. (6-0) is at No. 9 Florida State	2
3. Colorado (7-0) is at Oklahoma	3
4. Nebraska (7-0) hosts Iowa State	4
5. Michigan (5-1) hosts Indiana	5
6. Alabama (6-0) is at No. 14 Penn State	7
7. Pittsburgh (5-0-1) is at No. 1 Notre Dame	6
8. Illinois (5-1) hosts Wisconsin	8
9. Florida State (5-2) hosts No. 2 Miami, Fla.	9
10. Southern Cal (5-2) hosts Stanford	13
11. Tennessee (5-1) is at Louisiana State	15
12. Houston (5-1) is at No. 13 Arkansas	19
13. Arkansas (5-1) hosts No. 12 Houston	14
14. Penn State (5-1) hosts No. 6 Alabama	10
15. West Virginia (5-1-1) is at Boston College	11
16. Auburn (4-2) hosts Mississippi State	17
17. Arizona (5-2) hosts Pacific	22
18. Brigham Young (6-1) is at Hawaii	16
19. Florida (6-1) is idle	12
20. North Carolina State (6-1) is at South Carolina	18
21. Texas A&M (5-2) is at Rice	21
22. Clemson (6-2) hosts Wake Forest	20
23. Washington State (6-2) is at Arizona State	24
24. Texas (4-2) is idle	25
25. South Carolina (5-1-1) hosts North Carolina State	18
— Fresno State (7-0) hosts Nevada-Las Vegas	24
— Michigan State (2-4) is at Purdue	25

*Journal-Star columnist Mike Babcock is a voter in the AP poll.

Harrah's college odds

1. Notre Dame 10 over No. 8 Pittsburgh	13. Illinois 20 over Wisconsin
2. Miami, Fla. 1 under No. 14 Florida State	14. Florida St. 1 over No. 2 Miami, Fla.
3. Colorado 6½ over No. 25 Oklahoma	15. Washington St. 10 over Arizona State
4. Nebraska 32 over Iowa State	16. Houston 6 over No. 7 Arkansas
5. Michigan 13 over Indiana	17. Penn St. vs No. 10 Alabama, even
6. Tennessee 2 under Louisiana State	18. West Virginia 9 over Boston College
7. Arkansas 6 under No. 16 Houston	19. Air Force is idle
8. Pittsburgh 10 under No. 1 Notre Dame	20. Florida is idle
9. Southern Cal 19 over Stanford	21. Brigham Young 4½ over Hawaii
10. Alabama vs No. 17 Penn State, even	22. Arizona vs Pacific University, no line
11. Auburn 19 over Mississippi State	23. Texas A&M 17 over Rice
12. N. Carolina St. 4½ under No. 24 South Carolina	24. South Carolina 4½ over No. 12 N. Carolina St.
	25. Oklahoma 6½ under No. 3 Colorado

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Dana's back of the future ready for NWU if needed

By Mark Derowitsch

A new look to Dana's running game might come a year sooner than Vikings Coach Leo McKillip expected.

Because of injuries to Bryan Muschail and Marvin Peterson, McKillip said sophomore Sean Dalton will probably get plenty of playing time in Saturday's 1:30 p.m. game against Nebraska Wesleyan at Blair.

"Sean's played quite a bit — he's our No. 3 back," McKillip said. "He's a good running back, but he's playing behind two seniors. He's the running back of the future at Dana."

Dalton, from Lincoln Pius X High School, said he hopes the future is just that. He said he hopes Muschail, a preseason All-American, and Peterson are healthy enough to play against the Plainsmen. Muschail has been bothered by a sore ankle, and Peterson has a bruised thigh.

Peterson is averaging 70.6 yards per game while Muschail is averaging 65.2.

"Next year is going to be the one for me," Dalton said. "It's a little hard to get much time playing behind an All-American. But I'm getting a fair chance, and I'm happy with the situation here."

This year, Dalton is used mainly on the kickoff and punt return teams. He's averaging 14.5 yards per return on punts and has a 24.3 kickoff-return average.

The only time Dalton sees much time at running back is when the Vikings go to the Power-I, where an extra running back lines up beside the other two backs.

"I'm just glad I get to go in when we switch to the Power-I," Dalton said. "When I get in, I'm ready to go."

Dana is prepared for Wesleyan, Dalton said. The Vikings were ranked as high as No. 6 in the NAIA Division II ratings this season. But



Sean Dalton

Dana dropped two straight games, to Doane and Hastings, before defeating Concordia 41-6 last week. The Vikings are 5-2 overall and 1-2 in the Nebraska Intercollegiate Conference.

"We had a week off between games and that hurt us," Dalton said. "We didn't play as a team. We have to play pretty much mistake-free to win, and we didn't do that either game. But we're ready to play a good game Saturday."

McKillip said the Vikings must do one thing against the Plainsmen — score.

"Offensively I think we have to put a lot of points on the board," he said. "I don't know if we can stop their of-

fense. It's a tough situation for us."

Wesleyan is averaging 425.3 yards per game in total offense. Quarterback Gary Fate has completed 92 of 173 passes for 1,457 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Dalton said the Vikings would like to unseat Wesleyan as conference champions. The Plainsmen are 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the NIAC this season as defending conference champions.

"They beat us last year for the title," Dalton said. "We've got a chance this year. It's a tremendously big game for us."

Notes

• Peru State can clinch a berth in the NAIA Division II playoffs Saturday with a win against Benedictine.

The Bobcats, 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the Tri State Conference, are ranked No. 9 in the latest national poll.

This is the second year Peru State has been a member of the Tri State Conference, and last year finished last in the four-team league.

• The Division II playoffs will begin Nov. 18 at host sites. Sixteen teams will qualify for the post-season berths.

The quarterfinals will be held Dec. 2, the semifinals on Dec. 9, and the championship game will be Dec. 16 at Malone College in Canton, Ohio.

Last week's results

Nebraska Wesleyan 31, Doane 10
Midland 31, Hastings 3
Dana 41, Concordia 6
Kearney St. 20, Wayne St. 7
Mankato St. 26, UNO 7
Peru State 52, Westmar College 14

This week's schedule

Carroll College at Chadron St.
Hastings at Concordia
Nebraska Wesleyan at Dana
Doane at Midland
Northern Colorado at UNO
Benedictine at Peru State
Wayne St. at Fort Hays St.

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NFL injury report



HOUSTON AT CLEVELAND — Oilers: DE William Fuller (ankle) is questionable; RB Lorenzo White (quad) is probable. Browns: CB Hanford Dixon (groin), QB Bernie Kosar (knee), CB Frank Minnifield (groin), WR Webster Slaughter (knee) are probable.

KANSAS CITY AT PITTSBURGH — Chiefs: T Irv Eatman (knee), LB Mike Junkin (shoulder-injured reserve), WR Robb Thomas (shoulder-injured reserve) are out; CB Kevin Ross (ankle) is questionable; OL David Lutz (knee), RB Herman Heard (knee), NT Bill Moas (thigh), LB Rob McGovern (knee), LB Louis Cooper (hamstring), CB Jayce Pearson (hamstring), CB Stan Peiry (ankle), S Danny Copeland (ankle), DE Mike Bell (ankle), S Kevin Porter (foot), WR Clarence Weathers (foot) are probable. Steelers: TE Mike Mularkey (knee) is out; QB Bobby Brister (knee) is doubtful; G Terry Long (ankle), T Tom Ricketts (ankle), DE Tim Johnson (ankle) are probable.

MIAMI AT BUFFALO — Dolphins: RB Marc Logan (knee), RB Troy Stradford (knee-injured reserve) are out; DE T.J. Turner (leg) is doubtful; RB Sammie Smith (ankle), WR Fred Banks (arm) are probable. Bills: QB Jim Kelly (left shoulder) is doubtful; T Will Wolford (knee) is probable.

NEW ENGLAND AT INDIANAPOLIS — Patriots: RB Marvin Allen (foot), RB Rob Perryman (hamstring) are questionable. Colts: LB Duane Bickett (hamstring), RB Eric Dickerson (hamstring), DB Michael Ball (ankle), T Kevin Coll (hip) are probable.

SAN DIEGO AT SEATTLE — Chargers: HB Rod Bernstine (knee) is doubtful; T Joel Patten (knee-back) is questionable; DE Burt Grossman (knee), RB Marlon Bufts (knee), QB Jim McMahon (right shoulder), LB Jim Collins (back) are probable. Seahawks: T Ron Mattes (thigh), LB Darrin Miller (back), LB Tony Woods (leg), LB M.L. Johnson (eye) are probable.

ATLANTA AT NEW ORLEANS — Falcons: CB Scott Case (knee), S Tim Gordon (groin), WR Michael Haynes (shoulder), T Mike Kenn (groin) are questionable; NT Tony Casillas (ankle), G Stan Clayton (ankle), T Houston Hoover (knee), RB Gene Lang (hip), S Elbert Shelley (hamstring) are probable. Saints: CB Kim Phillips (groin) is out; RB Buford Jordan (hamstring), G Brad Edelman (back) are questionable; NT Pat Swoopes (neck) is probable.

DETROIT VS. GREEN BAY at Milwaukee — Lions: RB Mel Gray (shoulder) is doubtful. Packers: S Chuck Cecil (hamstring) is questionable; LB Brian Noble (back) is probable.

LOS ANGELES RAMS AT CHICAGO — Rams: LB Fred Strickland (ankle) is out; CB Darryl Henley (hamstring) is doubtful; S Anthony Newman (foot) is questionable. Bears: S Shaun Gayle (chest), DE Richard Dent (leg), LB Mickey Pruitt (leg) are questionable; DE Trace Armstrong (ankle), LB Steve Hyche (thumb) are probable.

PHOENIX AT DALLAS — Card-

nals: WR Roy Green (shoulder), DT Gary Hadd (knee), DT Jim Wahler (knee) are out; CB Carl Carter (hamstring), WR J.T. Smith (hand) are questionable; TE Rob Awalt (shoulder) is probable. Cowboys: QB Troy Aikman (left hand) is doubtful; RB Darryl Clack (ankle), WR James Dixon (leg), DE Ed Jones (knee), C Bob White (finger), G Jeff Zimmerman (elbow) are probable.

PHILADELPHIA AT DENVER — Eagles: LB Ty Albert (knee-injured reserve) is out; TE David Little (ankle), TE Keith Jackson (ankle) are doubtful; DT Jerome Brown (knee), LB Al Harris (shoulder) are questionable. Broncos: RB Jeff Alexander (ankle) is out; DE Andre Townsend (hamstring) is doubtful; C Keith Kartz (ankle), G Keith Bishop (back) are questionable; LB Marc Munford (concussion), CB Tyrone Braxton (knee), RB Sammy

Winder (leg) are probable.

SAN FRANCISCO AT NEW YORK JETS — 49ers: LB Jim Fahnhorst (foot), S Jeff Fuller (neck-injured reserve), RB Harry Sydney (arm-injured reserve) are out; QB Joe Montana (knee) is doubtful; S Tom Holmoe (hamstring), DE Daniel Stubbs (groin) are questionable; S Ronnie Loft (ankle), G Guy McIntyre (groin), CB Eric Wright (groin) are probable. Jets: QB Kyle Mackey (elbow), WR Al Toon (ankles) are out; QB Ken O'Brien (right shoulder), RB Roger Vick (knee), TE Mickey Shuler (ribs-hand), DB Kerry Glenn (neck) are probable.

TAMPA BAY AT CINCINNATI — Buccaneers: G John Bruhin (knee-injured reserve), G Mike Simmonds (knee-injured reserve), DB Harry Hamilton (knee) are out; DB Donnie Elder (knee), DE Robert Goff (thigh), NT Curt Jarvis (shoulder),

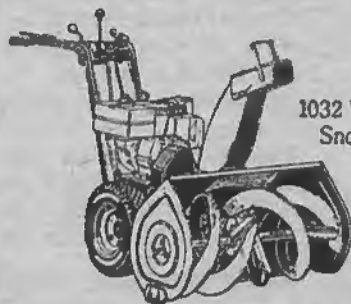
LB Ervin Randle (ankle), DE Rhondy Weston (groin) are questionable. Bengals: QB Turk Schonert (finger) is out; G Max Montoya (knee) is questionable.

WASHINGTON AT LOS ANGELES RAIDERS — Redskins: CB Darrell Green (wrist-injured reserve), LB Monte Coleman (hamstring), DT Marcus Koch (chest), P Ralf Molesienko (ankle), G Mark May (wrist), RB Gerald Riles (ankle) are probable. Raiders: S Stefan Adams (hamstring), CB Terry McDaniel (back) are questionable; KR Bobby Joe Edmonds (ankle) is probable.

MINNESOTA AT NEW YORK GIANTS — Vikings: RB Allen Rice (knee) is out; WR Anthony Carter (leg), DT Tim Newton (hand), DT Henry Thomas (shoulder) are probable. Giants: TE Mark Bavaro (knee) is doubtful.

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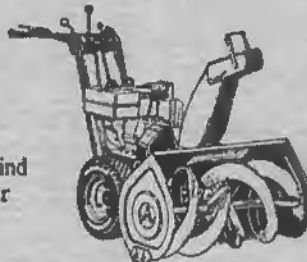
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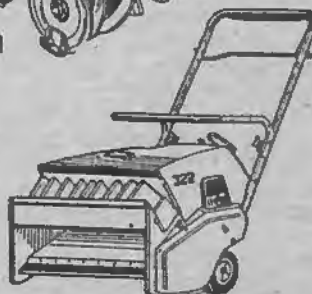


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Vikings get chance to show they're for real

By Dave Goldberg

OK, so Herschel got a couple of light workouts against the Packers and Lions.

Now he and the Vikings start on the path that will determine if they truly are this year's anointed team in the NFL. The first stop is the Meadowlands, where they take on the 6-1 Giants Monday night, giving Walker and his mates a national audience.

The reality of this game isn't Walker, it's defense.

The Vikings have had eight sacks in each of their last two games and have 37 for the season, as many as they had all of last year. The Giants don't get a lot of sacks these days, but they contain very well — on one series last week, San Diego's Jim McMahon completed three straight passes and still came up short of a first down.

The other factor here is experience.

The Vikings have tended to come up sluggish at times. The Giants, fa-



Herschel Walker

vored by 2½ in this one, have been doing just about what's needed to win.

But Mark Bavaro is probably out, leaving Phil Simms without his hot receiver. The Giants' young defen-

sive line run blocks quite well.

This is the test for its pass blocking ability. **VIKINGS 17-16.**

Philadelphia (plus 3) at Denver: Look in the mirror — Randall Cunningham vs. John Elway. Elway is on the upswing (coinciding with the return of Mike Shanahan from the Raiders.) Cunningham is sliding — 362 yards in the last three weeks, including just 64 last week against the Raiders. Home field prevails ... **BRONCOS 20-16.**

Phoenix (minus 4) at Dallas: The Cowboys covered last week for the first time this season. Now that the Cards have lost J.T. Smith, just about every quality player they have is injured. But Gene Stallings, one of Tom Landry's proteges, has done a great job keeping them together. This one's for Tom. **CARDS 17-16.**

Miami (plus 4) at Buffalo: Defense-defense. From Miami? Yup, the Dolphins already have 25 sacks in seven games, one more than they had last year in 16. Frank Reich, de-

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spite his performance against the Jets, isn't Jim Kelly and the Bills are fighting (at least on the coaching staff). So ... **BILLS 17-16.**

Los Angeles Rams (plus 2) at Chicago: Two losers? The Bears have lost three straight, the Rams have lost two and Mike Ditka's now using motivational trick No. 14c — rip your team one week, praise it the next, no matter how dismal things get. Jim Harbaugh may start for the Bears and he lost to the Rams 23-3 in Anaheim last year. Give some credit to 14c. **BEARS 17-14.**

Houston (plus 2 1-2) at Cleveland: Houston won with Jerry Glanville literally snakebit last week; won on the road two weeks ago and won in Cleveland last year in the wild-card game after losing the week before. The Browns can't run and there are no snakes in Cleveland ... **OILERS**

17-14.

Washington (minus 2) at Raiders: The Redskins like to run up big leads, then play chicken — both Tampa Bay and Phoenix almost gave Joe Gibbs heart attacks in the fourth quarter. The Raiders are playing good defense, but the offense is ... Bo, Bo, Bo. **REDSKINS 32-17.**

Tampa Bay (plus 6 1-2) at Cincinnati: The Bengals have lost two straight at home. The Bucs have lost two straight, period, typical for an enthusiastic young team whose lack of experience begins to show at mid-season. **BENGALS 22-15.**

Other games

(Home Team in CAPS)

San Francisco (minus 8½) 57, **NEW YORK JETS** 6
INDIANAPOLIS (minus 6) 17, New England 6
 Kansas City (plus 2 1-2) 17, Pittsburgh 16
NEW ORLEANS (minus 7) 20, Atlanta 6
GREEN BAY (minus 6½) 17, Detroit 16
SEATTLE (plus 6) 20, San Diego 13

NFL statistics

Team				Eason, N.E.				O'Brien, Jets			
American Conference				Offense				Defense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass								
Buffalo	2715	871	1844								
Houston	2483	904	1579								
Miami	2451	574	1877								
Cincinnati	2412	1152	1260								
Kansas City	2205	933	1272								
Raiders	2186	894	1292								
Denver	2181	931	1250								
Seattle	2161	747	1414								
Jets	2139	531	1608								
Cleveland	2113	725	1388								
New England	2098	743	1355								
Indianapolis	2054	843	1211								
San Diego	2034	783	1251								
Pittsburgh	1623	680	943								

Team				Eason, N.E.				O'Brien, Jets			
American Conference				Offense				Defense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass								
Cleveland	1883	751	1132								
Kansas City	1907	903	1004								
Denver	2058	625	1433								
Houston	2111	620	1491								
Raiders	2157	953	1204								
Buffalo	2173	772	1401								
San Diego	2244	829	1415								
Cincinnati	2247	976	1271								
Indianapolis	2267	800	1467								
Pittsburgh	2378	903	1475								
Seattle	2400	860	1540								
New England	2433	742	1691								
Miami	2491	851	1640								
Jets	2620	877	1743								

Team				Eason, N.E.				O'Brien, Jets			
National Conference				Offense				Defense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass								
Washington	2842	1065	1777								
Green Bay	2718	859	1859								
San Francisco	2692	837	1855								
Chicago	2570	1086	1484								
Rams	2556	796	1760								
New Orleans	2542	827	1715								
Giants	2405	919	1486								
Philadelphia	2380	874	1506								
Phoenix	2364	699	1665								
Atlanta	2204	534	1670								
Minnesota	2177	942	1235								
Detroit	2106	846	1260								
Tampa Bay	1961	681	1280								
Dallas	1826	470	1356								

Team				Eason, N.E.				O'Brien, Jets			
National Conference				Offense				Defense			
	Yards	Rush	Pass								
Minnesota	1584	792	792								
Giants	2141	690	1451								
San Francisco	2152	625	1527								
Detroit	2215	811	1404								
New Orleans	2230	560	1670								
Atlanta	2352	942	1410								
Washington	2419	618	1801								
Tampa Bay	2432	896	1536								
Phoenix	2450	934	1496								
Philadelphia	2514	801	1713								
Green Bay	2536	907	1629								
Rams	2583	709	1874								
Chicago	2588	851	1737								
Dallas	2635	1128	1507								

Team				Eason, N.E.				O'Brien, Jets			
American Conference				Quarterbacks				Quarterbacks			
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int						
Kelly, Buff.	162	100	1420	11	7						
Moore, Hou.	204	123	1669	11	7						
Eliason, Cin.	184	101	1430	9	4						
Briser, Pitt.	137	85	921	4	3						
Kries, Sea.	230	132	1521	12	9						
Kosar, Cleve.	221	130	1475	8	7						
Marino, Mia.	253	145	1844	10	13						
McMahon, S.D.	189	107	1299	5	7						

Team				Eason, N.E.				O'Brien, Jets			
National Conference				Quarterbacks				Quarterbacks			
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int						
Montana, S.F.	185	127	1623	11	3						
Hebert, N.O.	198	134	1728	12	5						
Everett, Rams	222	132	1834	14	7						
Rypien, Wash.	228	130	1828	13	6						
Malkowski, G.B.	235	142	1936	14	11						
Miller, Atl.	204	125	1508	4	2						
Simms, Giants	189	115	1560	9	8						
Kramer, Minn.	102	61	699	5	4						
Hogeboom, Phoe.	194	117	1522	10	12						
Tomczak, Chi.	185	101	1354	11	10						

Team				Eason, N.E.				O'Brien, Jets			
National Conference				Quarterbacks				Quarterbacks			
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int						
Anderson, Chi.	138	668	4.8	53	8						
Hilliard, N.O.	154	658	4.3	58	3						
Bell, Rams	135	609	4.5	46	5						
Anderson, Giants	150	543	3.6	36	6						
Fullwood, G.B.	105	493	4.7	38	5						
Walker, Minn.	119	483	4.1	47	3						
Craig, S.F.	124	445	3.6	27	4						
Hilliard, N.O.	126	443	3.5	25	6						
B. Sanders, Del.	82	413	5.0	28	3						
Settle, Atl.	85	341	4.0	18	2						

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Receivers					
	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
J. Smith, Phoe.	54	699	12.9	31	5
Elliard, Rams	46	801	17.4	46	5
Sharpe, G.B.	38	649	17.6	79	5
Monk, Wash.	38	557	14.7	35	4
Rice, S.F.	37	774	20.9	68	8
Rafman, S.F.	36	295	8.2	34	1
Carrier, T.B.	34	533	15.7	43	3
E. Martin, N.O.	32	546	17.1	52	3
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